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Performance report on the budget of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006

Report of the Secretary-General

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Summary

The present report contains the performance report on the budget for the administrative liquidation of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor (UNMISET) for the period from 1 July to 31 October 2005.

The total expenditure for UNMISET for the period from 1 July to 31 October 2005 has been linked to the Mission's objective through a results-based support component framework.

Performance of financial resources

(Thousands of United States dollars. Budget year is from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006.)

Category	*Apportionment*	*Expenditure*	*Variance*	
			Amount	*Percentage*
Military and police personnel	—	—	—	—
Civilian personnel	998.2	1 104.0	(105.8)	(10.6)
Operational costs	664.0	515.6	148.4	22.3
Gross requirements	**1 662.2**	**1 619.6**	**42.6**	**2.6**
Staff assessment income	119.4	124.2	(4.8)	(4.0)
Net requirements	**1 542.8**	**1 495.4**	**47.4**	**3.1**
Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)	—	—	—	—
Total requirements	**1 662.2**	**1 619.6**	**42.6**	**2.6**

Human resources incumbency performance

Category	*Approved*[a]	*Planned (average)*	*Actual (average)*	*Vacancy rate (percentage)*[b]
International staff	38	20	19	5.0
National staff	90	46	41	10.9
United Nations Volunteers	8	4	4	—

[a] Represents the highest level of authorized strength.

[b] Based on monthly incumbency and approved monthly strength.

The actions to be taken by the General Assembly are set out in section IV of the present report.

I. Introduction

1. By its resolution 1573 (2004), the Security Council extended the mandate of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor (UNMISET) for a final period of six months until 20 May 2005.

2. In its resolution 59/13 A, the General Assembly approved resources for the commencement of the administrative liquidation of UNMISET for the period from 21 May to 30 June 2005.

3. The budget for the completion of the administrative liquidation of UNMISET for the period from 1 July to 31 October 2005 was set out in the report of the Secretary-General dated 21 December 2004 (A/59/637) and amounted to $3,856,200 gross ($3,589,000 net). Following a subsequent review of the requirements and taking into account the substantial progress achieved in the liquidation of UNMISET during the 2004/05 period, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was informed that the liquidation budget could be reduced by $2,194,000 gross ($2,046,200 net), to $1,662,200 gross ($1,542,800 net). The updated budgetary requirements provided for 38 international and 90 national staff as well as 8 United Nations Volunteers.

4. On the basis of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph 13 of its report (A/59/736/Add.17), the General Assembly, by its resolution 59/13 B, appropriated the amount of $1,662,200 gross ($1,542,800 net) for the period from 1 July to 31 October 2005 for the administrative liquidation of the Mission. That amount was assessed on Member States.

5. The present report assesses actual performance of the Mission during the administrative liquidation period. Accordingly, it provides information on the actual indicators of achievement in the support component of the framework and compares the actually completed outputs with the planned outputs.

Support component

Expected accomplishment 1.1: efficient and effective completion of the administrative liquidation of the Mission

Planned indicators of achievement	*Actual indicators of achievement*
Government of Timor-Leste accepts all handover locations	Seven UNMISET properties handed over to the Government of Timor-Leste Six properties earmarked for handover were transferred to the United Nations Office in Timor-Leste (UNOTIL)

Planned outputs	*Completed (number or yes/no)*	*Remarks*
Support		
Administration of an average strength of 70 staff	64	Average strength of civilian personnel administered

		An actual vacancy rate of 8.6 per cent, rather than the non-application of vacancy rates in respect of budgeted resources, resulted from faster than anticipated phasing out of personnel
Maintenance and repair of 63 buildings in 4 locations	63	Buildings
	4	Locations
Operation and maintenance of 6 generators	6	Generators
		250 hours of scheduled maintenance performed
Operation and maintenance of 61 vehicles, including 4 forklifts	61	Total (4 forklifts and 57 other vehicles)
Support and maintenance of 100 telephone extensions and local area network	100	Telephone extensions
	1	Local area network
Support and maintenance of 9 local area network servers and 134 desktop and laptop computers	9	Local servers
	134	Desktop computers
	65	Laptops
Operation and maintenance of 1 medical clinic for Mission staff until 30 August 2005	1	Medical clinic (until 30 August 2005)
Liquidation		
Return of 4 premises to the Government of Timor-Leste	7	Higher number of facilities returned to the Government of Timor-Leste attributable to the reduced requirements of UNOTIL, a follow-on mission to UNMISET
Disposition of 715 equipment items through donations to the Government of Timor-Leste (650 items), sales (30 items), transfer to the United Nations Logistics Base/other missions (35 items)	3,567	Items donated
	498	Items sold
	5,629	Items transferred
		The planned number of items subject to disposition during the July-October 2005 period was underestimated
Repatriation of 38 international civilian staff and 8 United Nations Volunteers and separation of 90 national staff	25	25 international staff repatriated (13 staff transferred to UNOTIL)
	7	7 United Nations Volunteers
	89	89 national staff separated (1 transferred to UNOTIL)
Reconciliation and closing of 3 bank accounts	3	Bank accounts

Settlement of vendor and supplier invoices and closing of 6 major contracts	Yes	All outstanding invoices settled
	1	Rations contract closed
	5	Contracts (aviation, vehicle and generator fuel; rental and maintenance of photocopiers; garbage disposal; and removal of liquid waste) assumed on a smaller scale by UNOTIL

II. Resource performance

A. Financial resources

(Thousands of United States dollars. Budget year is from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006.)

			Variance	
	Apportionment	*Expenditure*	*Amount*	*Percentage*
Category	*(1)*	*(2)*	*(3)=(1)-(2)*	*(4)=(3)÷(1)*
Military and police personnel				
Military observers	—	—	—	—
Military contingents	—	—	—	—
United Nations police	—	—	—	—
Formed police units	—	—	—	—
Subtotal	—	—	—	—
Civilian personnel				
International staff	877.7	929.9	(52.2)	(5.9)
National staff	68.5	114.7	(46.2)	(67.4)
United Nations Volunteers	52.0	59.4	(7.4)	(14.2)
Subtotal	**998.2**	**1 104.0**	**(105.8)**	**(10.6)**
Operational costs				
General temporary assistance	—	—	—	—
Government-provided personnel	—	—	—	—
Civilian electoral observers	—	—	—	—
Consultants	—	—	—	—
Official travel	—	—	—	—
Facilities and infrastructure	40.0	15.2	24.8	62.0
Ground transportation	35.6	29.1	6.5	18.3
Air transportation	—	—	—	—
Naval transportation	—	—	—	—
Communications	226.8	185.6	41.2	18.2
Information technology	11.8	5.6	6.2	52.5
Medical	10.0	7.7	2.3	23.0
Special equipment	—	—	—	—

Category	Apportionment (1)	Expenditure (2)	Variance Amount (3)=(1)-(2)	Variance Percentage (4)=(3)÷(1)
Other supplies, services and equipment	339.8	272.4	67.4	19.8
Quick-impact projects	—	—	—	—
Subtotal	**664.0**	**515.6**	**148.4**	**22.3**
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B. Other income and adjustments

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Category	Amount
Interest income	715.7
Other/miscellaneous income	1 046.4
Voluntary contributions in cash	—
Prior-period adjustments	(224.3)
Savings on or cancellation of prior-period obligations	30 255.5
Total	**31 793.3**

III. Analysis of variances[1]

	Variance	
International staff	($52.2)	(5.9%)

6. The variance of $52,200 under this heading is attributable to the high cost of repatriation air travel owing to the discontinuation of travel arrangements with a regional commercial carrier for safety reasons and the use of the only available alternative carrier. In addition, actual expenditure for international staff salaries exceeded budgetary projections.

[1] Resource variance amounts are expressed in thousands of United States dollars. Analysis is provided for variances of at least plus or minus 5 per cent or $100,000.

	Variance	
National staff	($46.2)	(67.4%)

7. The variance of $46,200 under this heading is attributable to a 5.4 per cent increase in the revised local salary scale effective 1 May 2005, as well as expenditures related to the commutation of annual leave.

	Variance	
United Nations Volunteers	($7.4)	(14.2%)

8. The variance of $7,400 under this heading is attributable to the high cost of repatriation air travel owing to the discontinuation of travel arrangements with a regional commercial carrier for safety reasons and the use of the only available alternative carrier.

	Variance	
Facilities and infrastructure	$24.8	62.0%

9. The variance of $24,800 under this heading is attributable to reduced requirements with respect to maintenance and alteration and renovation services owing to the fact that minimal repairs were required for buildings and sites returned to the Government of Timor-Leste.

	Variance	
Ground transportation	$6.5	18.3%

10. The variance of $6,500 under this heading is attributable primarily to reduced requirements with respect to spare parts owing to the cannibalization of vehicles that had reached the end of their useful economic life and were not suitable for transfer to other missions or donation. The savings were offset in part by additional requirements in respect of the unanticipated rental of a flatbed truck for the transportation of heavy engineering equipment as well as the unanticipated cost incurred in connection with the dismantling of a vehicle hoist at the regional workshop and its reinstallation at the new transport compound.

	Variance	
Communications	$41.2	18.2%

11. The variance of $41,200 under this heading is attributable primarily to reduced requirements for commercial communications owing to the early decommissioning of satellite phone services, offset in part by additional requirements with respect to the unanticipated acquisition of HF radios with wide-range coverage capability, following the donation of communications towers with VHF repeaters to the Government of Timor-Leste.

	Variance	
Information technology	$6.2	52.5%

12. The variance of $6,200 under this heading is attributable to the non-utilization of requirements with respect to licences, fees and rental of software during the reporting period.

	Variance	
Medical	$2.3	23.0%

13. The variance of $2,300 under this heading reflects actual reduced requirements with respect to medical services.

	Variance	
Other supplies, services and equipment	$67.4	19.8%

14. The variance of $67,400 under this heading is attributable to reduced requirements with respect to freight owing to the cancellation of the transfer of generators to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, as well as lower bank charges and the non-utilization of requirements with respect to general insurance and miscellaneous claims and adjustments. The savings were offset in part by the recording in the Mission's accounts of losses on currency exchange.

IV. Actions to be taken by the General Assembly

15. **The actions to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the financing of UNMISET are:**

(a) To decide that Member States shall waive their respective shares in other income for the period ended 30 June 2006 amounting to $31,793,300, and their respective shares in the amount of $2,600 from the unencumbered balance of $42,600 for the period ended 30 June 2006, to be applied to meeting the current and future after-service health insurance liabilities of the United Nations;

(b) To decide on the treatment of the remaining unencumbered balance of $40,000 for the period ended 30 June 2006.